

Regular Session, 2008

ACT No. 725

HOUSE BILL NO. 556

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND PONTI

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2156.1(F) and to enact R.S. 37:2150.1(14) and (15) and
3 2156.1(M), relative to the licensing of electrical and mechanical contractors; to
4 provide for definitions; to provide for preemption of certain contractors; to provide
5 for waiver of examination under certain circumstances; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:2156.1(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 37:2150.1(14) and (15) and 2156.1(M) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2150.1. Definitions

11 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall be defined as
12 follows:

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14 (14) "Electrical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts
15 to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee,
16 direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair,
17 improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor
18 together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the wiring, fixtures,
19 or appliances for the supply of electricity to any residential, commercial, or other
20 project, when the cost of the undertaking exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars.
21 This Paragraph shall not be deemed or construed to limit the authority of a
22 contractor, general contractor, or residential building contractor, as those terms are
23 defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become an electrical
24 contractor.

(15) "Mechanical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the construction, installation, maintenance, testing, and repair of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating systems, and plumbing for all residential, commercial, and industrial applications as well as ventilation systems, mechanical work controls, boilers and other pressure vessels, steam and hot water systems and piping, gas piping and fuel storage, and chilled water and condensing water systems and piping, including but not limited to any type of industrial process piping and related valves, fittings, and components, when the cost of the undertaking exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars. This Paragraph shall not be deemed or construed to limit the authority of a contractor, general contractor, or residential building contractor, as those terms are defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become a mechanical contractor.

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§2156.1. Requirements for issuance of a license

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F. Upon completion of the above, and issuance of a state license for the classification of work for which the contractor desires to perform and contract, mechanical, plumbing, or electrical contractors licensed under this Section are excluded from ~~local and municipal~~ local, municipal, or parish regulatory authority examination procedures and may bid and perform work within any local jurisdiction upon paying all appropriate fees. The purpose of this Subsection is preemption of ~~local and municipal~~ local, municipal, or parish regulatory examination authority for ~~state-licensed~~ statewide-licensed mechanical, plumbing, or electrical contractors bidding and performing work in multiple jurisdictions. Furthermore, this preemption shall further exclude the employees of statewide-licensed electrical and mechanical contractors from local, municipal, or parish regulatory examination or certification

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2009.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____